



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Commission on Veterans Affairs

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

Serve as an advisory body to the council concerning the wellbeing of military veterans in the Austin area. The commission shall evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to alleviate veteran's difficulties in meeting basic needs, obtaining housing, employment, and comprehensive mental health assistance; and act as a central clearinghouse for information relating to the status of veterans in the Austin community.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

This annual report for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, highlights the accomplishments of the Commission on Veterans Affairs based largely on the responsibilities outlined in the mission statement of the Commission, the implementation work and strategies of the Veteran work groups:

- Veteran homelessness
- Veterans Resource Center (One Stop Shop initiative)
- Women Veterans
- Veteran employment and training
- Veteran counseling, PTSD, MST, TBI, as well as Veteran Suicide Prevention awareness
- VBE Veterans Business Enterprise and Small Business Loan Program
- Veterans Municipal Court

The Commission on Veterans affairs approved to work on the following working groups, with the concentration focusing on:

- Veterans Resource Center
- Veterans Park/ Plaza
- Veterans Municipal Court

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

Yes, the boards actions throughout the year complied with the mission statement.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- Funding for the Veteran Resource Center, so that the City of Austin can truly address service gaps that are prevalent amongst veterans in the city
- The implementation of the Veteran's Community Court
- Veteran's Plaza moved to Vic Mathias Shores
- A coordination of information concerning soon to released active duty personnel, with the various bases and military installations. To help foster an easier transition for returning service members to the Austin Area